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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner:

FOR: AQUEOUS POLYMERIC EMULSION
COMPOSITIONS AND THEIR USE FOR
THE SIZING OF PAPER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants present the instant Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in order to place the instant application in better condition for examination on its merits.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.